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Dear Mr. Stark:

Good afternoon. I am sending this email on behalf of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC) and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (DEP) and certain parties to these matters. We are unclear whether the hearing set to begin April 26 will be conducted virtually, and we would request a virtual hearing if this is still an open question. The parties would respectfully request clarification as to this matter. Also, we would make a request that the Commission set aside an additional week for this hearing, as it seems likely the hearing may take longer than the time allotted given the number of witnesses and issues in this case—not to mention this will be DEC's and DEP's first IRP being heard by the Commission under Act 62. Given the time to execute on the logistics necessary for a major hearing, we are hoping these questions can be answered by you as Hearing Officer, if appropriate.

We have communicated with parties to these matters regarding the virtual hearing request and additional dates for hearing, and would note the response from those parties as follows:

- ORS consents to the request to conduct the hearing virtually.
- South Carolina Coastal Conservation League, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Upstate Forever, Sierra Club, and Natural Resources Defense Council supports the request for a virtual hearing and states a virtual hearing will be the safest option for parties and witnesses at this time.

- Carolinas Clean Energy Business Association prefers and supports a Virtual Hearing and the contingency dates for an extended Hearing.
- Nucor Steel supports a virtual hearing.
- Vote Solar prefers a virtual hearing and states they do not expect finishing the hearing in one week.
- Johnson Development Associates does not oppose the virtual hearing or extending the length of the hearing.
- Cherokee County Cogeneration Partners, LLC consents to a request to conduct the hearing virtually.

Also, please note that DEC and DEP are hereby requesting a transcript of the hearing be provided in time for use in briefs and proposed Orders.

Thank you for your attention to these requests,

Heather

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